COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY AND CULTURE OF KOREA FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Country Korea, South
Host Institution Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
Program(s) Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, KAIST
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 47
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title HISTORY AND CULTURE OF KOREA FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
UCEAP Transcript Title KOREA HIST&CULTURE
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course surveys Korean history from antiquity to the present, tracing the evolution of politics, society, and culture on the peninsula. The course begins with Old Joseon and the Three Kingdoms, examining early state formation, before turning to the Goryo dynasty and the establishment of Joseon. We highlight the structures of Joseon society, cultural achievements, and Korea's place within the East Asian world, including encounters with Ming China and Japan during the Imjin War. In the modern era, we explore the Daehan Empire, the colonial period under Japanese rule, and the profound transformations that followed liberation and the Korean War. The course then examines the divergent paths of North and South Korea, with particular focus on South Korea's rapid industrialization, the rise of chaebol, and the movement toward democratization.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HSS.20138

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Host Institution Campus

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Host Institution Degree

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